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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM NIACT IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2664

INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4307

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1675

1. OUR REACTION PROPOSED MCFARLANE VISIT KALEMIE IS THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT WORST AND IS PREMATURE AT BEST.

2. AS ADDRESSES AWARE WE HAVE CONTINGENCY PLAN TO MOVE CONSUL MARKS LUBUMBASHI TO KALEMIE AND HAVE DAO PLANE AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT READY TO GO. HOWEVER, I AM RELUCTANT SEEK CLEARANCES FROM GOZ FOR DEFENSE AIRCRAFT AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT THIS STAGE SINCE MY PRIORITY IS TO GET GOZ AGREEMENT TO BEGIN BROADCASTING RADIO MESSAGE. WE STILL HAVE NOT ACCOMPLISHED THAT AND TO RAISE QUESTION OF MCFARLANE VISIT TO KALEMIE WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT EVEN BEFORE THIS INCIDENT KALEMIE HAS BEEN VIEWED AS SENSITIVE AREA. FOR EXAMPLE, DEFENSE MINISTRY FIRST SCHEDULED VISIT BY GENERAL ROCKWELL AND THEN CHANGED PLAN.

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3. THIS SAID, IF DEPARTMENT ATTACHES SAME IMPORTANCE TO ON-SPOT OBSERVATION AT KALEMIE AS DOES AMBASSADOR CARTER, I WILL INSTRUCT CONSUL MARKS TO CHARTER AIRCRAFT AND PROCEED THERE FORTHWITH. HE HAS ALREADY ADVISED ME THAT RAILWAY AUTHORITIES HAVE OFFERED USE THEIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEORETICAL LINK KALEMIE-LUBUMBASHI-KINSHASA IF CIRCUITS WORKING. TO ESTABLISH RADIO NET WITH KIGOMA WOULD, I BELIEVE, REQUIRE MORE AND SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY, WAY TO DO IT IS AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

4. DAR ES SALAAM'S REPORTING AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BOTH REFLECT AWARENESS OF ZAIRIAN SENSITIVITIES AND I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO STIR POT WITHOUT ADEQUATE PREPARATION WITH GOVERNMENT. THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY THIS CAN BE DONE TONIGHT EVEN IF I FINALLY SEE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DO ALL DAY. WE DO HAVE, HOWEVER, MESSAGE FROM HIM THAT HE WILL "DO NECESSARY" REGARDING APPEAL FOR RADIO BROADCAST AND AMBASSADOR BLACK'S PERSONAL NOTE TO MOBUTU. PRESUMABLY THIS MEANS HE WILL RAISE MATTERS WITH PRESIDENT AND I REPEAT I DO NOT WANT TO PRESS OTHER ISSUES UNTIL WE HAVE THAT ONE BEHIND US.

5. INCIDENTALLY IN LONG CONVERSATION WITH MOKOLO TONIGHT (MAY 24) I TOUCHED LIGHTLY ON POSSIBILITIES OF EVENTUAL NEED COMMUNICATIONS NET IN LAKE TANGANYIKA AREA, BUT MY MAIN POINT WAS TO GET VOICE OF ZAIRE ACTIVATED.

6. P.S. I HAVE FINALLY CONTACTED FOREIGN MINISTER BULA WHO HAS AGREED SEE ME 11:30 P.M. MAY 24.
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